

REMARKS

Claims 1-39 are pending and at issue in the application with claims 1, 10, 21, 26, 31 and 37 being independent claims. Claims 26, 31 and 37 have been amended. As a result, 5 independent claims remain in the application as previously paid for, and 39 total claims remain in the application as previously paid for. The applicant believes no fee is due. However, the commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the amount enclosed or any additional fees which may be required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 13-2855. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections in view of the remarks below is respectfully requested.

The applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of claims 1-39 as anticipated by Cannon et al. (U.S. Publ. Appl. No. 202/0183105).

Each of independent claims 1, 10, 21 and 26 recite a gaming apparatus which includes a first value input device located at a first geographic location and which causes a video image to be generated of a game waged on by a person at a second value input device located at a second geographic location different from the first geographic location. Independent claims 1, 10 and 26 further recite that the gaming apparatus causes a first video image to be generated of a game wagered on the first value input device. Independent claim 21 further recites that the gaming apparatus receives identification information regarding the person and receives gaming information regarding a wager on the game using the identification information, where the gaming information includes a gaming decision made by the person.

Independent claims 31 and 37 each recite a gaming method and memory, respectively, which causes a first video image to be generated of a first game wagered on by a person on/with a first value input device at a first geographic location and causes a second video image to be generated of a second game wagered on by the person on/with a second value input device at a second geographic location different from the first geographic location.

The action does not establish a *prima facie* case of anticipation because Cannon et al. fails to teach each and every element of claims 1-39. In particular, Cannon et al. does not disclose or suggest a second video image of a second game waged on by the person at a

second value input device located at a second geographic location different from the first geographic location.

While Cannon et al. discloses a gaming machine 70 which generates a video image of a first game wagered on by a player at a wagering input component 82 of the gaming machine 70 and which generates a video image of a second game, Cannon et al. does not disclose that the second game was wagered on by the player at a second value input device located at a second geographic location different from the location of the gaming machine 70. In particular, Cannon et al. discloses that a player may make a wager on the wagering input component 82 (see e.g., paragraph [0039] as cited in the action) for a first game on the gaming machine 70 (see e.g., paragraph [0045] as cited in the action). Cannon et al. further discloses that the gaming machine 70 includes a “special events” window 98 from which the player may view and wager on other gaming events located at a second location different from that of the gaming machine 70 (see e.g., paragraph [0067] as cited in the action). However, the other gaming events are not wagered on by the person at a second value input device located at a second geographic location different from the location of the gaming machine 70. Instead, Cannon et al. discloses that the player uses the wagering input component 82 of the gaming machine 70 to place a wager on the other gaming events (see e.g., paragraph [0069]). In other words, Cannon et al. discloses that the gaming machine 70 generates a video image of a second game wagered on by the player at the *same* value input device (i.e., the wagering input component 82) at the *same* geographic location (i.e., that of the gaming machine 70) as the first game, as opposed to generating a video image of a second game wagered on by the player at a *second* value input device located at a *second* geographic location *different* from the first geographic location.

It is clear that a claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found in a single prior art reference. *See* MPEP 2131. Accordingly, the action has not presented a *prima facie* case of anticipation for claims 1-39 because the action has not demonstrated that all the limitations of claims 1-39 are taught or suggested by a single reference, and the grounds for rejection of claims 1-39 asserted in the action cannot be sustained.

In addition to not disclosing each of the limitations of independent claims 1, 10, 21, 26, 31 and 37, Cannon et al. does not disclose the advantages and benefits associated with independent claims 1, 10, 21, 26, 31 and 37. In particular, by providing a second video image of a second game waged on by a person at a second value input device located at a second geographic location, a player may wager on a game at a location different from that of the gaming apparatus. The player may then move to a different location (i.e., that of the gaming apparatus) and place a wager on a different game while being able to view the second game wagered on at the previous location. By contrast, the gaming machine of Cannon et al. does not permit this advantage. Instead, a player using the gaming machine of Cannon et al. must wager on the first and second games using the same value input device and remain at the same geographic location in order to view both the first and second games. As such, because Cannon et al. does not disclose the apparatus and methods of claims 1-39, Cannon et al. does not provide the advantages and benefits associated with providing a second video image of a second game waged on by the person at a second value input device located at a second geographic location different from the first geographic location, as recited by claims 1-39.

Accordingly, the applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in allowable form. In light of the foregoing, the prompt issuance of a notice of allowance is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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